

REMARKS

Claims 53-64 and 71-73 were presented for further consideration in the amendment filed on May 13, 2009. Claims 53, 54, 58-60, 62, 63, 72 and 73 are hereby amended. New dependent claim 74 is added. Accordingly, claims 53-64 and 71-74 are now pending.

Applicant appreciates the courtesy and consideration extended by the Examiner during the telephone interview on July 6, 2009. During the course of the interview, the Examiner indicated that the amendment filed on May 13, 2009 appeared to overcome the Emens reference. Applicant indicated that this supplemental amendment would be filed to further clarify the claim language.

Independent claims 53 and 72 are hereby amended for clarity. These amendments necessitated corresponding amendment of dependent claims 54, 58-60, 62, 63 and 73. A new dependent claim 74 has been added. Applicant does not believe that these amendments present any new issues of patentability.

Applicant submits that the claims pending following entry of this amendment, namely Claims 53-64 and 71-74 are now in condition for allowance, which early Action is requested since the independent claims 53 and 72 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record as pointed out in the previous amendment and discussed during the interview.

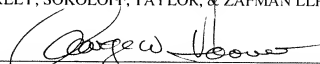
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Respectfully submitted,

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